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REPORT

OF THE

Eye, Ear and Throat

Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital for Shropshire and Wales
Shrewsbury

Notice is hereby given that the 129th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Hospital, Murivance, Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, 4th June, 1947, at 3 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

C. S. ASBURY,
Secretary

13a College Hill
Shrewsbury
26th May, 1947

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Information Useful to Subscribers

Recommendation Forms can only be used during the year for which they are issued. One Ticket entitles a patient to attend the Hospital for three months; at the end of which time a fresh one is required.

There are no special in-patient recommendation forms; such patients are admitted at the discretion of the Surgeons.

No food or intoxicating beverages are allowed to be introduced into the Hospital without the knowledge of the Matron.

Friends of in-patients are allowed to visit them on Wednesdays and Sundays from 2 till 4, but on no other day without special leave.

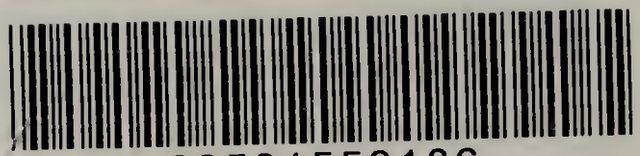
Out-patients not bringing their own bottles are charged 4d. each for them. By special arrangement with the Official Opticians, patients can purchase the spectacles ordered for them at greatly reduced prices.

At the first visit to the Hospital with a recommendation form, patients are given a card with a reference number on it; this should always be quoted when enquiries are made concerning patients.

This Institution being established for the relief of those who are POOR AND UNABLE TO PAY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, subscribers are most earnestly requested not to give these recommendation forms indiscriminately. In doubtful cases the Secretary will be pleased to advise as to the best course to pursue.

Letters requiring information as to Subscriptions, etc., should be sent to the Secretary: C. S. Asbury, 13a College Hill, Shrewsbury; those on purely medical matters to the Surgeons at the Hospital.

For information regarding the Shropshire Voluntary Hospitals Contributory Association, School Inspection Cases, and Ophthalmic Benefit, see inside of back page of this cover.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Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital

FOR

SHROPSHIRE AND WALES

SHREWSBURY

SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
and established in 1818 for the relief of the really poor and destitute.

DISPENSARY ESTABLISHED 1818. HOSPITAL OPENED 1868.

NEW HOSPITAL, MURIVANCE, 1881.

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DAYS AND HOURS OF ATTENDANCE :

EYE CASES ... ... Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
EAR, NOSE and THROAT CASES Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
From 9 to 11 o'clock, except for patients arriving by train from distant parts, who will be seen up to 12 noon, on notice being given. The Outpatient Department is closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Tel. Nos. : Hospital, Shrewsbury **3683** ; Secretary's Office, Shrewsbury **4598.**

Surgeons' Report for 1946

The essential figures for 1946 are given below :—

Total Outpatients	7,786
New Eye Outpatients	2,733
New Ear, Nose and Throat Outpatients ...	2,616
Total Outpatient Attendances	20,344
Inpatients	2,114
Operations—Major (E.N.T.)	1,334
,, (Eye)	303
Minor	1,626
Total Operations	3,263
Orthoptic Department :—	
Total attendances	1,341
New cases	329

It will be seen from the figures given above that the work of the hospital continues to increase, and it may be said that never has the work proceeded with such smoothness, or with better co-operation on all sides.

The division of the work of the hospital into two separate departments (Eye and E.N.T.), has contributed not only to the efficiency of the Institution, but, we believe, considerably to the welfare of the patients.

The new Orthoptic Department has been of great assistance to the Ophthalmic Surgeons and of enormous benefit to our patients.

The new X-Ray Department, though only recently established, has done most valuable work.

We would wish to record our gratitude to all our colleagues for their help during the year, and our appreciation of the ever willing and efficient service of the Matron and Nursing Staff.

F. A. Anderson.
S. W. G. Hargrove.
I. C. Fraser.

Annual Report

The Committee of Management have pleasure in submitting the 129th Annual Report of the Hospital, together with the Surgeons' Report and the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Lieut. Col. Otter Barry, who joined the Committee in 1945. Though he had been associated with the Hospital for a comparatively short time, his genial personality and wise counsel were much appreciated, and his loss, not only to our Hospital but to many organisations throughout the County, will be keenly felt.

During the year, The Right Rev. The Bishop of Shrewsbury, the most senior member of the Committee resigned, and we would place on record the thanks of the Committee for his services over a long period of years.

At the Annual General Meeting of Governors held 25th May, 1946, Alderman Harry Steward, M.C., J.P. and Mr. Enoch Lowe were elected to the Committee, and we extend a hearty welcome to these gentlemen.

The outstanding event during the year was the passing of the National Health Service Act, which became law on the 6th November, 1946. The Act provides for all Hospitals to be transferred to the Ministry of Health on an "appointed day". What that day is, has not yet been fixed. The Act is a comprehensive piece of legislation and, while it cannot be welcomed by all, it has to be accepted, and your Committee will do everything in their power to make the transition as smooth and satisfactory as possible. It is generally accepted that the "appointed day" will not be until well into 1948, so that the necessity of carrying on until then is a duty which must be accepted.

Pending the Hospital being absorbed into the State Organisation, your Committee consider it their duty to do everything in their power to bring it into the highest possible state of efficiency. To that end they have established during the year an Orthoptic Department (Squint correction and treatment) and an X-Ray

Department. Both these extensions of Services have been expensive, but your Committee are fully satisfied that such expense will be more than justified.

The attention of all interested in the work of the Hospital is invited to the Surgeons' Report appearing on page 3. The work being accomplished continues to expand, and the waiting list, unhappily, has reached dimensions which cause your Committee the gravest anxiety. Arrangements for the establishment of a central Hospital at Copthorne, under the direction of the Salop County Council, are proceeding, and it is hoped to relieve our waiting list considerably as soon as the wards are ready to admit patients.

The Accounts for the Year 1946 are as usual published in detail and appear on a separate statement attached to this Report. Having regard to prevailing conditions, Income has been well maintained. The Shropshire Voluntary Hospitals Contributory Association slightly exceeded its 1945 allocation, but the total is reduced owing to falling off in payments for Reciprocal Benefit. Taking the Income as a whole, your Committee are reasonably satisfied that it has come in very satisfactorily, having regard to the imminent prospect of State control.

The Expenditure, however, is a very different matter. The following is a summary of the outgoings for 1945 and 1946 :—

	1945	**1946**
	(to nearest £)	
Provisions	2,655	2,790
Surgery and Dispensary	1,733	3,417
Domestic	1,068	1,456
Fuel and Lighting	1,395	1,420
Uniforms and Drapery	149	234
Establishment	381	476
Salaries and Wages	5,166	8,133
Miscellaneous	671	891
Administration	708	709
Repairs and Renewals	401	517
Rents, Rates, Taxes, etc.	193	235
	£14,520	£20,278

It will be noted that there is an increase of £5,758 in 1946 compared with 1945. This very serious advance is largely attributable to "Surgery and Dispensary" (£1,684) and "Salaries and

Wages" (£2,967). As regards the first it will be appreciated that, during the war years, it was difficult and, in some cases, impossible, to replace worn-out surgical equipment. This defect has now, to a certain extent, been remedied. The increase in salaries and wages is due to two causes, namely,

(a) The payment of fixed salaries to the surgical staff in place of the old system of honoraria.

(b) The full operation of the Rushcliffe Report for nurses and the Hetherington Report for domestic staff.

The effect of the decrease in Income and increase in Expenditure is to show a deficit of £7,417 14s. 4d. Against this, it is reasonable to credit the allocation received in 1946 from the Shropshire Joint Hospitals Appeal of £5,897 1s. 3d., and when this is done, the deficit becomes £1,520 13s. 1d.

It is very clear from the foregoing figures that, with Expenditure at its present level (and likely to increase), it would be impossible to carry on. For 1947 there will be a balance of £798 16s. 4d. to come in from the Joint Hospitals Appeal, and the deficit which will inevitably arise in 1947 will have to be met, either from legacies or by the realization of investments, or both. It is a somewhat melancholy statement for a Board of Management such as ours to present, for we have always prided ourselves on paying our way and building up a substantial reserve of investments. Clearly those days are gone. We can, however, see our way to finance our hospital out of our reserves until the State assumes financial responsibility.

Before leaving the subject of finance, mention must be made of the generous contributions towards special expenditure from the following :—

Oakengates and District Hospital Committee for a new Operating Table	£250
Shropshire Automobile Association for the purchase of a modern Anaesthetic Apparatus	£150
Bridgnorth Contributory Association for the purchase of Surgical Instruments	£25

These gifts are very much appreciated.

Once more the Shropshire Hospitals Contributory Association has made a splendid contribution to our funds. It might have been expected that, with the cessation of war factories in the

THE EYE, EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL FOR SHROPSHIRE AND WALES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, Year ended 31st December, 1946

Corresponding figures for 1945 £ s. d.	INCOME	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	ORDINARY :—		
1382 13 3	Subscriptions	1461 1 2	
1405 5 8	Donations	1239 2 3	
259 10 10	Collected by Almoner	209 17 6	
15 0 0	Contributions from Surgeons in respect of Ophthalmic Benefit	—	
86 7 2	Proceeds from Whist Drives, Concerts, Dances, etc.	290 3 1	
	Sunday opening of Theatres :—		
279 7 6	Charity Contribution (part) ...	261 3 0	3461 7 0
366 1 5	Church Collections	320 10 2	
183 6 9	Other Collections	133 12 7	454 2 9
5995 2 9	SHROPSHIRE VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS CONTRIBUTORY ASSOCIATION ...	5007 3 9	
	BRIDGNORTH VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS		
68 0 0	CONTRIBUTORY ASSOCIATION ...	54 0 0	
	SCHOOL INSPECTION CASES :—		
790 11 0	County Councils	805 5 0	
7 5 0	Maternity and Child Welfare ...	8 0 0	5874 8 9
—	Orthoptic Unit		11 8 0
748 10 6	MINISTRY OF HEALTH EMERGENCY HOSPITAL SCHEME	444 5 4	
242 8 0	*Less* Medical Staff Fund	291 13 8	152 11 8
97 10 10	Dispensary		116 7 1
1719 9 1	Private Wards		1888 4 1
15 0 0	Rent		75 0 0
33 9 0	Shrewsbury Hospital Sunday Fund ...		30 1 0
	INVESTMENT INCOME :—		
18 0 0	£900 4% L.M.S. Rly. Deb. Stock ...	18 18 0	
18 0 0	£900 4% ,, Pref. Stock ...	18 18 0	
3 0 0	£240 4% ,, Ord. Stock ...	4 16 0	
36 0 0	£1440 5% Southern Rly. Pref. Ord. Stk.	37 16 0	
32 9 2	£1623 Buenos Ayres Southern Rly. Deb. Stock	34 1 8	
17 10 0	£500 3½% War Stk. (Whitaker En'ment)	17 10 0	
3 19 6	{ £27 2s. 0d. 3½% Conversion Stock; £200 1s. 6d. (Samuel Thomas, decd.) }	4 3 6	
52 10 0	£3000 Shrewsbury Gas Light Co., 3½% Mortgage	55 2 6	
55 0 0	£4000 Birmingham Corpn. 2¾% Stock	57 15 0	
60 16 8	£4055 18s. 10d. 3% Funding Stock ...	66 18 6	
30 0 0	£1000 3% Defence Bonds	30 0 0	
6 5 0	£500 2½% National War Bonds ...	6 11 3	
4 10 0	£300 3% Savings Bonds	4 14 6	
10 11 6	£1172 6s. 10d. 3% Savings Bonds ...	18 9 3	
22 11 6	£3269 10s. 0d. 3% Savings Bonds ...	51 9 11	
1 3 0	£500 3% Savings Bonds	7 17 6	
292 6 3	Income Tax Recovered	361 18 2	796 19 9
639 8 3	Balance being Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income carried down		7417 14 4
£14520 3 7			£20278 4 5

Corresponding figures for 1945 £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	MAINTENANCE :—		
	Provisions :		
441 9 2	Meat	432 13 7	
228 12 4	Fish	285 14 8	
104 4 10	Butter	103 7 0	
143 14 7	Bacon	136 4 3	
722 17 2	Milk	731 11 8	
40 16 5	Cheese	46 1 2	
248 19 0	Bread	255 8 6	
542 4 7	Groceries	603 8 8	
181 12 2	Vegetables	195 14 2	2790 3 8
	Surgery and Dispensary :		
1126 17 0	Drugs and Disinfectants	1293 11 11	
319 10 2	Instruments and Equipment ...	1645 11 4	
47 16 10	Wines and Spirits	44 15 4	
16 6 6	Spectacles	—	
222 10 0	Examinations	432 18 0	3416 16 7
	Domestics :		
244 5 0	Furniture, Repairs, etc.	483 4 9	
204 8 1½	Renewal of Hardware, Crockery, Bedding, etc.	335 15 5½	
468 11 0½	Laundry	532 18 7½	
151 5 2	Cleaning Materials	104 0 8	1455 19 6
	Fuel and Lighting :		
969 19 10	Coal and Coke	942 9 0	
133 2 10	Gas	149 15 10	
292 7 3	Electricity	328 4 1	1420 8 11
	Uniforms and Drapery		233 13 8
	Establishment :		
29 6 2	Insurance : Fire	31 14 11	
27 4 0	Public Liability, etc.	44 17 9	
250 1 10	N.H. Unemployment	323 2 1	
22 12 9	Boiler Insurance and Inspection ...	22 12 9	
51 15 6	Lift and Repairs thereto	53 11 0	475 18 6
	Repairs and Renewals :		
215 5 4	Builder, Painter and Plumber (Annual Charge)	359 4 4	
158 7 0	Electric Fittings	143 10 6	
7 11 8	Gas Fittings	5 1 9	
19 4 11	Garden Equipment	9 10 8	517 7 3
	Salaries and Wages :		
932 18 4	Medical Staff	2229 9 5	
35 0 0	Anaesthetists	117 10 0	
15 0 0	Radiologist	15 0 0	
251 7 6	Dispenser	330 14 4	
200 0 0	Refractionist	200 0 0	
—	Orthoptist	98 10 4	
5 0 0	Chaplain	10 0 0	
330 0 0	Matron (including Superannuation Contributions)	361 5 0	
3396 11 6	Nurses and Staff	4770 4 11	8132 14 0
	Miscellaneous :		
104 6 3	Printing and Stationery	279 5 2	
266 13 5	Postages and Telephone	277 7 5	
40 3 11	Advertising	94 16 10	
55 4 6	Carriage and Travelling	101 14 5	
22 14 0	Sundries	5 6 4	
162 7 8	Billeting Nurses	112 3 1	
20 0 0	Christmas Festivities	20 0 0	890 13 3
	ADMINISTRATION :—		
	Management :		
350 0 0	Secretary's Salary	350 0 0	
182 0 0	Clerk-Almoner	182 0 0	
93 11 10	Printing (Annual Report) & Stationery	86 5 7	
57 3 9	Postages and Telephone	71 18 7	
18 18 0	Audit Fees and Special Work ...	18 18 0	
6 6 0	Architect's Fee	—	709 2 2
14326 18 5	TOTAL COST OF MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION		20042 17 6
176 9 2	Rent, Rates and Taxes	208 14 9	
16 16 0	Bank Charges and Interest	26 12 2	235 6 11
14520 3 7	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE ...		20278 4 5
£14520 3 7			£20278 4 5
	EXTRAORDINARY INCOME :—		
	Shropshire Joint Hospitals Appeal	5897 1 3	
	Balance Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	1520 13 1	
		£7417 14 4	
	Balance—Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income brought down		7417 14 4
			£7417 14 4

REPAIRS EQUALISATION ACCOUNT

	£ s. d.
1946 Jan. 1—To Balance brought forward	910 0 1
Dec. 31— ,, Transfer to General Account representing average annual expenditure for last 5 years	359 4 4
	£1269 4 5

	£ s. d.
1946 Dec. 31—By Expenditure during year	945 16 3
,, Balance carried forward	323 8 2
	£1269 4 5

SUPERANNUATION FUND ACCOUNT, Year ended 31st December, 1946

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Interest on Investments :—		
£400 Sudan Govt. 3¼%	7 3 0	
£508 17s. 2d. Essex County Council 3½% Stock ...	9 15 10	
£1000 Coventry Corpn. 3% Stock	15 15 0	
£3041 8s. 3d. 3% Funding Stock	50 3 8	
£524 6s. 9d. 3% National Defence Loan ...	8 5 2	
£250 2½% National War Bonds	3 5 8	
£300 3% National Savings Bonds	4 14 6	99 2 10
,, Income Tax Recovered		91 10 1
		£190 12 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Annuities :—		
Miss Gill	78 0 0	
Miss Williams	26 0 0	
,, Pensions :—		
Jones	39 0 0	
Griffiths	39 0 0	182 0 0
,, Balance to General Summary		8 12 11
		£190 12 11

SUPERANNUATION FUND TO DATE

	£ s. d.
To Legacies	5361 16 5
,, Transfers from Extensions Account	214 4 8
,, Transfers from General Account	381 2 1
,, Interests on Investments (Net)	1014 2 0
,, Income Tax Recovered thereon	658 12 6
	£7629 17 8

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Investments, viz. :—		
£400 3¼% Sudan Govt. Stock at Cost	403 17 0	
£508 17s. 2d. 3½% Essex C.C. Stock at Cost ...	500 0 0	
£524 6s. 9d. 3% National Defence at Cost ...	500 0 0	
£1000 3% Coventry Corpn. Stock at Cost ...	1000 0 0	
£3041 8s. 3d. 3% Funding Stock	3016 8 0	
£250 2½% National War Bonds at Cost	250 0 0	
£300 Savings Bonds	300 0 0	5970 5 0
,, Cash at Bank		270 3 9
,, Annuities paid		1297 18 10
,, Sundry Debtors		91 10 1
		£7629 17 8

GENERAL SUMMARY

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1946 Jan. 1—To Petty Cash in hands of Matron		80 0 0
,, Cash at Bank (after adjustment for Debtors and Creditors) :—		
General Account	3594 5 1	
Superannuation Fund Account ...	248 10 10	3842 15 11
Dec. 31— ,, Sundry Creditors	3253 17 2	
,, Subscriptions paid in advance	52 0 6	3305 17 8
,, Repairs Equalisation Fund carried forward	323 8 2	
Less Balance at commencement	910 0 1	
Contra ...	£586 11 11	
,, Legacies for year ended 31st Dec., 1946		140 0 0
,, Superannuation Fund Account :— Excess of Income over Expenditure		8 12 11
,, Bank Overdraft General Account ...		3199 15 6
		£10577 2 0

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1946 Dec. 31—By Sundry Debtors		4688 6 11
,, Subscriptions for 1946 received in 1947		6 16 6
,, Petty Cash in hands of Matron ...		80 0 0
,, Cash at Bank :—		
Superannuation Fund Account ...	270 3 9	
Building Fund Account	2 16 8	
General Account	—	273 0 5
,, Repairs Equalisation Account :— Balance per *Contra*		586 11 11
,, Purchase of "Derrybawn"	3331 3 2	
,, Fixtures and Equipment : 6 Claremont Buildings	90 10 0	3421 13 2
,, General Account :— Excess of Expenditure over Income		1520 13 1
		£10577 2 0

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have audited the foregoing Account with the books and vouchers of the Hospital, and certify it to be correct and satisfactorily vouched.

OLD BANK BUILDINGS,
BELLSTONE,
SHREWSBURY.
May 20th, 1947

HARPER, KENT & WHEELER,
Incorporated Accountants.

County, the collections would have fallen off considerably, and we congratulate the organisers on what is a magnificent effort.

As stated above, we received £5,897 1s. 3d. in 1946, from the Shropshire Joint Hospitals Appeal. We received £3,269 10s. 0d. in 1945, and there has been paid a further amount of £798 16s. 4d. in 1947, making a total of £9965 7s. 7d. from this source. The organisers of this Appeal are to be congratulated on the results of their efforts. They launched their appeal during the War and in the face of criticism and competition, and their courage and pertinacity have received a just reward.

The Ladies' Guild has again rendered most valuable service throughout the year, their "bring and buy" sales being particularly successful, and we take this opportunity of thanking them for all the assistance they have given to the Hospital.

We would like to pay a special tribute to the work of our Surgeons, who have produced such splendid results during the year. To the Matron and Nursing Staff we also extend our thanks and appreciation of a very valuable year's work. In this connection we are glad to report that possession has now been obtained of a suitable house in which our nurses can be housed, and which is in course of conversion to a Nurses' Home.

When publishing our report for the year 1942, we quoted an extract from a sermon preached in Liverpool Cathedral by the Bishop of Liverpool, in 1938. In view of existing conditions it may be interesting to quote it again :

> " The impulse of benevolence lives and grows by expressing itself. If the people can take it for granted that disease and pain will be soothed and healed by some impersonal agency, and that they as individual persons have discharged their responsibility as soon as they have paid their rates, shall we not lose out of our national character a great power of compassion ? "

In conclusion, we wish to assure the large-hearted public, which has assisted us so generously for so many years, how greatly we value and appreciate their support.

EDMUND C. TAYLOR,

CHAIRMAN.

April, 1947.

FORM OF BEQUEST

OF THE

Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital

FOR

Shropshire and Wales

The following Form of Legacy is submitted to Benefactors desirous of assisting this Charity by will :—

I give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital for Shropshire and Wales, the Sum of £ Free of Legacy Duty, to be paid out of such part of my Estate as may be legally bequeathed for Charitable purposes, to be applied to the general use of the Hospital.

Subscriptions may be paid to the Hon. Treasurer, LLOYDS BANK LIMITED, Pride Hill, or to the Secretary, C. S. Asbury, Chartered Accountant, 13a College Hill, Shrewsbury.

SHROPSHIRE VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS CONTRIBUTORY ASSOCIATION.

This Hospital is one of the Constituents of the Shropshire Voluntary Hospitals Contributory Association, members whereof are not required to produce a recommendation form, but, in place of it, the official voucher of the Contributory Scheme certifying membership, together with a letter signed by their private doctor addressed to the Hospital.

SCHOOL INSPECTION CASES.

Ordinary Subscribers' recommendation forms are not accepted for School Medical Inspection cases; special forms are required which are obtainable from the Education Authorities, as under :—

For the Borough of Shrewsbury	Health Centre, Murivance, Shrewsbury.
For the County of Salop.	The County Medical Officer of Health, College Hill, Shrewsbury.

OPHTHALMIC BENEFIT.

Most Approved Societies have adopted what is known as Ophthalmic (Additional) Benefit, under which there are available private consultations with specially qualified medical men, and which entitles their members to examination of the eyes and, if necessary, to a prescription for spectacles.

In cases where a member of the Scheme belongs to a Society which provides Ophthalmic Benefit, he should consult his panel doctor, who, if he thinks that the patient needs ophthalmic examination or treatment, will inform the patient how to proceed.

If the Approved Society to which the member belongs does not provide Opthhalmic Benefit, then he is eligible for treatment, either as a contributor or by recommendation.